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FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior catcher Landinn Eckhardt connects with a pitch during a win over former conference opponent Nebraska-Omaha last season at Bearcat Field.

Young softball team looks to build on last season

DALTON VITT
Chief Reporter

After finishing last year with a record of 25-19, the Northwest softball team looks to overcome losing three seniors.

The Bearcats are heading into the season without a single senior on the roster.

“(Our expectations) are high,” head coach Ryan Anderson said. “We have some good returners. Really, our biggest thing is we just need some players to step in and fill the holes left by last year’s seniors.”

The ‘Cats will try to replace three starters from last season: catcher Kristen Hessel, outfielder Kit Daugherty and utility player Dacey Hassey.

Daugherty was last year’s leading hitter, finishing with a .382 batting average and eight homeruns.

Anderson said the team’s best attributes are pitching and defense.

“We have two juniors (Morgan Brunmeier and Jenna Creger) that have a ton of experience,” Anderson said. “That goes a long way with experience. We just hope that with the pitching and defense that we have that the bats can come alive at some point, and we can do some damage.”

Anderson said Brunmeier, Creger and second baseman Hai-lee Hendricks are the three team leaders that will have to take on major roles.

“(We need them to) encourage the team,” he said. “Like I said, we’re trying to fill the holes from those three seniors. We have to instill confidence in some of these young players because we

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Ryan Anderson

need them.”

Creger and Brunmeier were last year’s top two pitchers, making 28 and 25 appearances, respectively.

Creger finished with 15 wins, a 2.11 ERA, 150 strikeouts and 19 complete games.

Brunmeier chalked up 10 wins, a 2.58 ERA, 50 strikeouts and 12 complete games.

Northwest finished last season with a conference record of 14-8, and Anderson expects the team to be competitive against MIAA foes again this year.

“I think we’re good enough to compete,” Anderson said. “It’s just who shows up that day.”

The Bearcats have started the season 5-5, with losses to William Jewell, Southwestern Oklahoma State, Illinois-Springfield and a sweep against Drury University during the opening weekend.

Northwest will be back in action against Northeastern State at 3 p.m. Saturday in Joplin in the Teri Mathis-Zenner Memorial Tournament.

Baseball has mixed results early

CHRIS SCHOONOVER
Assistant Sports Editor

After a lackluster 2011 season, the Bearcat baseball program is looking to bounce back in 2012.

Last season the ‘Cats finished 20-30 and 19-25 in the MIAA for an eighth place finish in the conference.

Northwest heads into this season without first-team all-conference relief pitcher Jayson Huett. Last season Huett won or saved in 14 of the ‘Cats’ 20 wins and with eight wins was tied for the most in the MIAA.

“He was obviously a guy that did a great job out of our bullpen,” head coach Darin Loe said. “He pitched so many innings we almost need two guys for Jason’s role.”

Also gone for Northwest is Alec Rosales after he transferred to Vanguard University. Rosales led the Bearcats in homeruns, RBIs, runs scored and batting average.

Two weeks into the season, Northwest is 1-7 overall heading into MIAA play.

Returning to the squad is senior pitcher Chris Green. Green sat out last season after receiving a medical redshirt, but was an MIAA honorable mention selection after the 2010 season.

Green is 1-0 early in the season and earned a no-decision in his first start against Central Oklahoma.

Also returning to the squad is junior infielder Cameron Bedard. Bedard appeared in every game last season and batted .305 to go along with his .926 fielding percentage.

With a new roster featuring several transfers and returning players, Loe received mixed results from his team after their first four games against Central Oklahoma.

“I don’t know if I want to single anybody out at this point because we played a lot of guys this weekend to kind of see what we had,” Loe said. “We saw some good things

and saw some bad things between returners and new guys, and now we have to go on that.”

Throughout last season and already into this early season, Loe knows that not coming up with the clutch hits with runners on base could be their downfall.

“I think it’s just confidence,” Loe said. “Once we get a couple of those big RBI hits and find some way to take the pressure off of us. Pressure isn’t something anybody puts on us. It’s something we put on ourselves, and we are going to have to deal with it.”

The Bearcats are picked to finish sixth in the MIAA this season, but Loe believes the conference will be in for a shock.

“We have high expectations,” he said. “This team has a lot of talent in all areas and has the ability to do some really good things in the MIAA. Now we just have to do it. It’s all on paper right now, so we have to make it a reality.”

Baseball brings back experience

JASON LAWRENCE
Sports Editor

The Spoofohound baseball team will find out early how they stack up in the Midland Empire Conference.

Maryville takes on state runner-up Savannah, and Division I pitching prospect Blake McFadden, in the first game of the season March 20.

“We play Savannah, and we’ll know right then if we can hang out with those guys or not,” head coach Tom Scarbrough said. “They’re gonna throw (McFadden) the first game against us, and we’re gonna know right then.”

“I’m gonna tell them from the very beginning that they’re gonna see a pro pitcher. They gotta figure out a way to play defense and put the ball in play.”

The ‘Hounds return nine guys with varsity experience that Scarbrough said could run out and compete as well as they have the last few years.

Maryville went 9-7 last season, losing 3-10 in the first round of district play to Lafayette.

“Our expectation is to at least be better than we were last year,” Scarbrough said. “We hope to be able to play with the top teams in our conference: Smithville, Savannah and Benton.

“We’ve played these kids three and four years at a time. They should be able to compete. We’re not gonna win every game, but we hope to get to .500 and improve on that.”

Scarbrough said that experience and getting innings is key to being successful and improving on last season.

“They’ve gained a lot of experience. At your school, during their summer teams, and I think now we can put a bunch of experienced kids on the field, and that



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior pitcher Jonathan Baker hurls a pitch to an East Buchanan batter last season at Maryville High School. Baker is expected to play a big role this season.

gives us a better chance to win,” Scarbrough said. “Before, one or two kids were experienced. One or two kids played summer ball. One or two kids had varsity experience. Now we’ve got a bunch of them.”

The ‘Hounds have five seniors, and Scarbrough expects big things out of his seniors as well as some of the other guys that have played varsity since their freshman year.

“Two seniors that we have coming back that have played a majority of the innings are Charlie Coleman and Payton (Scarbrough),” Scarbrough said. “Payton’s played every game we’ve had since his freshman year. Charlie’s

played every game we’ve had since he came here as a junior, so we’re expecting those two to basically lead.”


Juniors Jonathan Baker and Tyler Tripp have also played every game the last two years.

“We’re expecting them kids to step out there and not be shell-shocked and carry us really,” Scarbrough said.

The first pitch of the new season is set for 4:30 p.m. March 20 in Savannah.

The Spoofohounds take on Benton in the following game March 26 before playing Savannah and Smithville in conference matchups later in the season.

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Chaz Bono to visit Northwest campus

BROOKE ASSEL

Missourian Reporter

The goal of the Northwest Student Activities Council will certainly be fulfilled this month with a visit from a controversial celebrity. Chaz Bono—gay rights advocate, author, speaker and only child of famed entertainers Sonny and Cher—will visit Northwest Wednesday, March 7 as a part of SAC’s annual lecture series.

“The goal of the SAC lecture series every year is to be as diverse as possible and to target a wide variety of students’ interests,” said Erica Martin, director of lecture programming for SAC. “I wanted to bring in people that would interest everyone. With the gay, lesbian, transgender movements becoming big news topics and becoming more socially acceptable, we thought this would be a great opportunity for our students and community.”

Bono publicly came out as a lesbian during a 1995 interview

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NEWS BRIEF

SAC fall concert announced

The Student Activities Council announced Saturday that American singer/songwriter Mike Posner would headline the 2012 Spring Concert.

Mike Posner, known for hits like “Please Don’t Go” and Billboard Hot 100 top 10 single “Cooler Than Me,” will perform Thursday, April 19 in Bearcat Arena. Hip-hop and rap artists the New Boyz will perform with Posner.

“The fact that they’re a big-name act coming to Northwest should really get students excited,” Executive Director Lauren Hansen said. “It is really exciting and should be a good show.”

Tickets for students will be available for purchase beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday, March 13 at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building. Student tickets are \$10 and limited to one ticket per student. Community tickets are \$25 and are available Monday, April 2.

“We are looking forward to the event and want to remind students to check our Facebook page for updates about the show,” Hansen said.

Silenced voices of sexual abuse speak

Every year thousands of women are affected by sexual abuse and every year many of those stories are left untold. The intention of this article is to give those silent stories a voice and spread awareness of sexual violence. Due to the sensitivity of the subject names have been changed for the protection of the victims. The following contains some graphic information.

ALEX RASH News Editor

DESIGN | WENDY WHELAN

“I kept saying ‘no, no’ like ‘don’t do this, don’t do this,’” Jennifer Clark said about the time her virginity was taken from her. “It hurt, and he was being very aggressive... and as soon as he was done he just got up, put on his clothes and went upstairs and left me in the basement by myself.”

Clark was 17 years old when the boy she had been dating, Joseph Cook, raped her. Clark, who grew up in a strict religious household, decided to stay with Smith in order to justify having premarital sex.

“Because I always planned on being a virgin until I got married, for some reason I convinced myself that the right thing to do would just be to stay with him,” Clark said, disgusted by the thought. “...I felt so impure.”

Clark said the next months followed with more physical and mental abuse. The relationship ended a short period later following infidelities by Cook.

When Clark entered college the following year, the sexual abuse echoed in her personal life. She began having “meaningless sex” with different guys, and her life “spiraled out of control.”

“(I think) maybe him cheating on me and him taking advantage of me made me want to use guys in the same way that he used me,” Clark, noticeably embarrassed, said. “It has changed how I think of guys and how I trust people in general. I don’t really trust anyone just because I have seen the darker side of people, and the people that you love the most can just lie straight to your face.”

Clark said at first she tried to pretend the situation ever happened, which made handling it later in life even more difficult. She received contact from another girl who had a similar experience with Cook and asked if Clark would testify against him in court. Clark declined.

“I think I have always really regretted that,” Clark said, her voice shook with each word. “My biggest fear was people finding out and my parents finding out.”

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JAZZ PERCUSSION GROUP



KIRA NORTHROP | NW MISSOURIAN

The Northwest Jazz Percussion Group performed Thurs., Feb. 23 at the Charles Johnson Theatre. Director of Bands Doug Overmeir said there are only a total of seven jazz percussion groups in the world.

Student Senate looks toward fees

ASHLEY HERRING

Assistant News Editor

As news of the budget cuts continues to raise questions and concerns about Northwest’s future, Student Senate is looking for ways to help.

“We are in the developmental stage, and we are doing some research, asking what our students are interested in,” Student Senate student fees chairman Gunner Sumy said. “We are looking to have those conversations (about student fees) and put the option out there not only for our committee but for our senators and their constituents. Our goal as a committee is to put some options out there.”

Student Senate’s student affairs committee is working with the student fees committee to assess how beneficial certain fees and programs currently offered at Northwest are. The readership program that provides the University with local and national newspapers is one of the program fees under consideration.

“We are going to reach out to all of our constituents, all of the students on campus, to get some good feedback on whether they value the readership program or not,” student affairs committee co-chair Collin DeBuysere said. “(To determine) if they would like to see the program continued, discontinued or if we could somehow bundle the reader-

ship program fee into something else and re-do the framework of some of our fees. That is what our task will be for the next few weeks is reaching out to the student population.”

One area that an additional student fee could assist with is Northwest’s sustainability efforts.

“Something we possibly thought about was a green fee,” Sumy said. “Our campus is really rich with sustainability and having our renewable resources, but with that being said, we don’t have a fee right now, so this is something that we could use to help better our campus in the future. We are far away from a vote on that, but it might be something we discuss within committee and possibly putting it out to the Senate.”

Currently, there are no plans for an added fee or any increases of existing student fees to be instated for the fall 2012 semester.

“We definitely want to see Northwest open 10, 20 years down the road,” Sumy said. “So we want to make sure we are creating those sustainable programs. I think that is the reason why, if we were to raise any student fees or create any new fees, it’d be in looking out for the future.”

“One thing our committee really does understand is that it is not just us making the decision. “We would hate to make a decision that affects 7,000 students negatively. It is not only the students but our fel-

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Collin DeBuysere

low senators and their constituents. What comes out of our committee is not the end all say; it will have further discussions beyond us.”

Student feedback is not only being sought by Student Senate in light of decreased state funding, but the University’s administration will address students’ concerns as well. At 4 p.m. March 5 in the J.W. Jones Student Union living room Student Senate will host an open discussion among students and members of the Northwest Leadership Team to discuss details of the program eliminations and realignments announced two weeks ago. Any general concerns or questions students have can be asked as well.

“The president, provost and other members of the Northwest Leadership Team will be discussing the student fees and how it (budget cuts) will affect the students,” DeBuysere said.



Taiwanese artist comes to Northwest

BRENDAN MCKENNA
Missourian Reporter

In a world that is quickly becoming smaller, the mixing of culture and the combinations of different people enriches all areas of life. In the case of Ching-Ching Cheng, an artist from Taiwan who traveled nine years ago to the United States to study art, her ideals of travel, culture and memories influenced her greatly, allowing her to become a skilled artisan.

Cheng recently paid a visit to the art department to share her particular view on art as a profession and her style of artistic flair. A graduate of the Art Center College of Design, located in Pasadena, Calif., Cheng focused her skills on painting, sculptures and installations, 3-D works of art set in public places, such as parks.

Cheng's artwork, on display at

the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Gallery, reflects her love of memories and time. Of particular note is her camera sculptures, which are crafted from the pages of old books she gathered; her connection to the sculptures and her creative processes involved are evident.

"The subject matter that influences and inspires my work the most comes from psychology and nature," Cheng said.

As a form of advanced scrapbooking, Cheng collects books, camera negatives and other images of the past and puts them into categories and filing systems. When she needs a particular color of paper or a particular type of negative for an art piece, she easily brings up the correct paper based on age, color, texture and other criteria.

Cheng's interests stem further than simple memories. As a consistent traveler across countries and

continents, Cheng has produced a love for the concept of immigration and social changes, which she exhibits through art pieces that often resemble unity with individuality.

"The ways people deal with situations are very different from one another," said Cheng. "I find this very special and interesting."

One such example from Cheng is a particular sculpture exhibiting dozens of small, knit beds. Each bed, connected to the next with magnets, expresses the melting pot of immigration, and the free movement of each piece within the sculpture represents the individuality of the people themselves. Works such as this characterize Cheng's worldly views of herself and others.

Cheng's art gallery, containing her camera sculpture collection along with many other works from her collection, will be on display for the next month.

New clothing line at Bearcat Bookstore

EMILY DEMAREA
Chief Reporter

School House clothing is a collegiate fashion brand that was added to the Bearcat Bookstore last summer.

The brand was founded by Rachel Weeks, who was a Duke University graduate student researching ethical manufacturing initiatives in Sri Lanka at the time. Weeks wanted to bring fashionable collegiate apparel to the college market.

School House marketing and personal relations director Melissa Dohmen said the brand is currently being sold in just over 100 stores coast-to-coast. All School House garments are hand-sewn and customized for each school.

Dohmen said the company takes pride in the quality of its clothes.

"I think a big piece of our brand is that we create clothing that we call archival apparel, which is: you buy a sweater, and it'll be a sweater that you'll wear for years to come and one that you can pass down to your kids, friends or family," she said. "It's that kind of quality and level of craftsmanship that goes into every single one of our garments. We really pride ourselves on that."

Manager of Bearcat Bookstore Scott Yocom said students enjoy the School House clothing but might not



School House clothing in the Bearcat Bookstore is a new addition to the apparel. The creators wanted to bring fashionable collegiate apparel to the college market.

always decide to buy it.

"Most students think it's really cute," Yocom said. "We have gotten some feedback that it's a little pricey for the Midwest, but beyond that, it's good quality. Students seem to like it."

Dohmen admits the price points of School House clothing are higher than other brands in the state, but assures students that they get what they pay for when they purchase from School House.

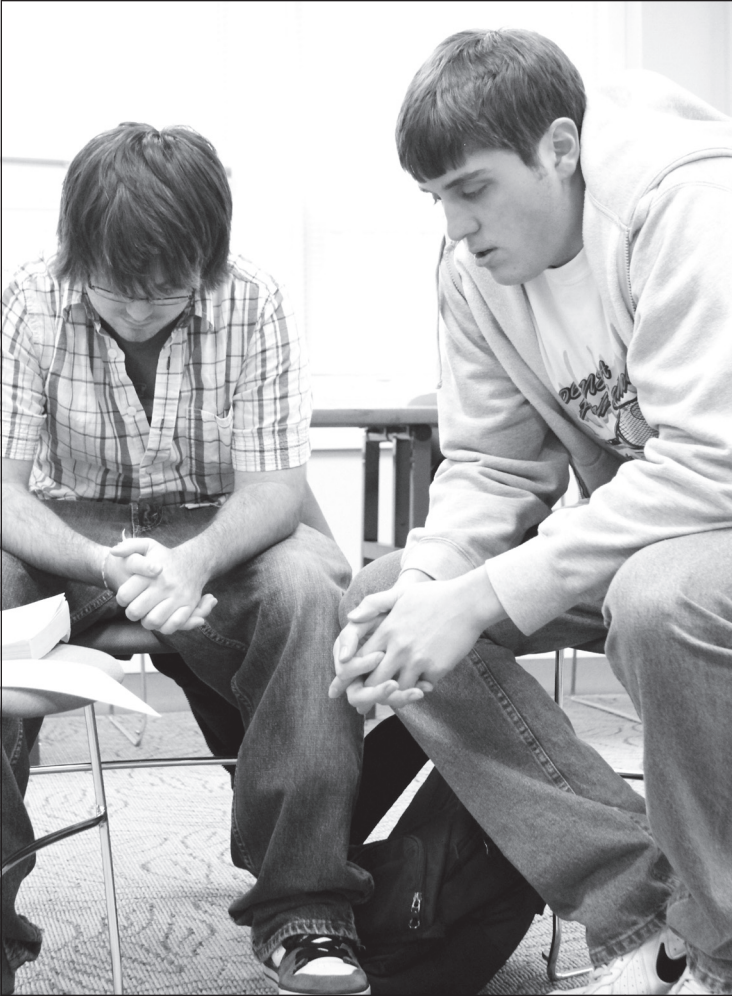
"We're never going to match

retail at Wal-Mart," Dohmen said. "Our price points are a little higher than the average garment you'll see in the store, but in turn, you can wash them 50 times, and they'll still turn out beautiful, so really, what you're paying for is quality."

Yocom said he thinks the brand could be successful, but he is unsure if the price point it's selling at makes it the most successful it could be.

"We haven't made a decision yet whether we're going to carry it again with us this fall," Yocom said.

COLLEGIATE DAY OF PRAYER



Chris Muhstertnah and Jake Slabaugh prays during the National Collegiate Prayer Day in the Boardroom at the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Upcoming business competition seeks to encourage student entrepreneurship

ALEX RASH
News Editor

Students interested in a future in entrepreneurship get the opportunity to put their business planning skills into the spotlight and the chance to win a scholarship during the process.

Northwest will host its inaugural Business Plan Competition 8 a.m. April 5 in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

"For students interested in starting their own business, it's a great insight to this process and what goes into the business plan and what kind of questions they might receive from investors," Ben Blackford, assistant professor

of marketing and management, said.

Any students can register regardless of their major. Those interested need to form a team of at least two members, but no more than six, and send a complete business plan, as well as an outline of their intention to enter the competition, via email to Blackford no later than March 19.

Currently, only students enrolled in the entrepreneurship class have registered for the competition; however, Blackford is hopeful that others will come out to participate.

"It is a great chance to see

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MARCH SAC EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 SAC Late Night Hangar Night	2	3
4	5	6 SAC Unplugged: Shannon Curtis 6 p.m. Union Cafeteria	7 SAC Lecture: Chaz Bono 7 p.m. Charles Johnson Theater	8	9	10
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Men's Basketball MIAA Tournament Kansas City, Mo.	First Fridays Service Projects 3 p.m. at Newman Center
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Zeta Week	Newman Center Student Lenten Retreat 4 p.m. at Newman Center
Last date to drop a trimester course	Second Annual Miss Blue and White Scholarship Pageant 6 p.m. at Charles Johnson Theatre
Madraliers at the American Choral Directors Association Southwestern	
Saturday, March 3	
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Community Service	Softball - Missouri Southern Tournament Joplin, Mo.
DeLuce Art Gallery: "Obsess" Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Baseball vs. Fort Hays State 2 p.m. at Hays, Kan.
Enthronement Day, Morocco	Newman Center Student Lenten Retreat
Men's Basketball MIAA Tournament Kansas City, Mo.	Baseball v. Fort Hays State 4:30 p.m. at Hays, Kan.
Sunday, March 4	
Alpha Phi Alpha Clothing Drive	Tournament Joplin, Mo.
DeLuce Art Gallery: "Obsess" Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Baseball vs. Fort Hays State Hays, Kan.
Last date for 75% refund on dropped 2nd block courses	Fellowship Dinner 5:30 p.m. at Lutheran Campus Center
Men's Basketball MIAA Tournament Kansas City, Mo.	Catholic Mass 7 p.m. at Newman Center
Softball - Missouri Southern	



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Maryville, Mo. received good marks financially from the audit for the 2011 fiscal year. The city had a \$2 million improvement in net assets compared to 2010.

Audit reveals good finances in Maryville

ALEX RASH
News Editor

Despite a rough economy, Maryville received good financial marks from the audit of its 2011 fiscal year.

Mike Williams, a principal with Hochschild, Bloom & Co., presented the audit summary at the City Council's Feb. 27 meeting.

Williams reported that Maryville received a certificate of achievement in financial reporting

and displayed a high level of fiscal responsibility.

The city had an improvement of \$2 million in net assets in comparison to 2010. However, Finance Director Denise Town said that despite the large amount, the difference between the net gains is not as great as it seems.

The damage that Maryville received in the hailstorm that occurred in August resulted in approximately \$1.5 million of damage. That amount showed up as

revenue for the city but is already committed to cover insurance repairs during this fiscal year.

"There is a variety of things that go into it," Town said. "A large chunk of (the net asset total) will be spent this upcoming year."

Maryville's government funds also saw an increase of \$157,344 with a combined total of nearly \$4.17 million. The government will be able to use 46 percent of that balance at its discretion.

The city incurred some debt, mainly in correlation with the construction of two new water towers, which resulted in \$2.7 million in related costs.

Town said the council members didn't have many questions about the audit, so she assumes that they were satisfied, as was she, with the results.

"I was the one that prepared the financial statements anyways, so (the outcome of the audit) wasn't a surprise to me," Town said. "I was very happy with it."

School district considers drug testing at high school

JENNA ANTHONY
Missourian Reporter

Many schools across the nation and the state have adopted a policy requiring students to submit to random drug tests. This could become a reality for Maryville Public Schools as the school board considers a random drug testing policy.

"Last November we began investigating instituting a drug testing policy for the school district," Steve Klotz, school board assistant superintendent, said.

The Maryville School Board is evaluating the code of eligibility which allows students to participate in Missouri State High School Activities Association activities as well as park on campus. If the policy is changed, students who test positive for drug use will be suspended from school and school activities and have their parking privileges revoked.

"The first offence will be 30 days, the second 90 days and the third will be a total of 365 days," Koltz said.

The school board will hold a community forum in April or May to discuss the policy change as well

as hear the community's opinions. According to Klotz, the school board wants a representative from the testing company to come in to speak as well as answer questions the community may present.

"We will host a community forum open to students, parents and community members," Koltz said, "The feedback will be gathered to evaluate the policy."

The policy is a work in progress, and no action has taken place. If the policy is adopted, then students who participate in extracurricular activities or park on campus will be part of a pool from which the school will randomly pull students to submit to a drug test, according to Koltz.

"(Drug testing) is good because it keeps it out of schools," said Donnie Slagle, 2011 MHS graduate. "Schools are a building of higher education, and drugs inhibit that."

Maryville Public Schools currently have no drug testing policy in place. The school board is hoping to have the changes finalized and adopted by May and in effect for the 2012-2013 school year.

"It gives students another opportunity to say no and will help students make a good choice," Koltz said.

Missouri farmers use petition process to suggest new right to raise livestock bill

ASHLEY HERRING
Assistant News Editor

With spring around the corner, farmers may have negative impacts from the abnormal winter to face in the coming months. Local and state farmers could have another concern if HCS HJR 61, the Right to Raise Livestock proposal, is not approved.

An amendment to the Missouri Constitution that "affirms the right of persons to raise cattle, calves, sheep, swine, poultry, goats, horses, other equine, or rabbits in a manner adhering to state and local laws and ordinances," was proposed Monday.

"Agriculture is one of the number one industries in the state," Missouri Farm Bureau President Blake Hurst said. "Any time we can get lawmakers to acknowledge that is a good thing. Farming is quite a business, and that is why we are in favor of it (the right to raise livestock proposal)."

The amendment, proposed through the initiative petition process, would exclude the passing of any laws that would affect the raising of livestock.

Missouri is one of 24 states

that allow its citizens to make changes to their constitution as well as state laws, both of which use the initiative petition process, according to the website of Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan.

Representative Tom Loehner said the importance of restricting initiative petitions that impact agriculture is in protecting farmers who do not have the funding that outside groups do to educate voters through advertisements, according to an Associated Press article on stltoday.com.

According to Hurst, out-of-state groups who are concerned about livestock production methods and genetically engineered foods are threatening the Missouri agriculture industry.

Those in support of the bill say that it protects both the agriculture industry and farmers in Missouri from new laws or regulations that could burden them, and it provides the assurance that farmers will be able to continue raising livestock in light of any changes in requirements.

"It is a common sense ap-

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Proposed traffic law targets distracted drivers

NICK HERNDON
Missourian Reporter

According to Edgar Snyder & Associates, a law firm dealing with injuries, about 6,000 deaths and half a million injuries are caused annually by distracted driving.

Teenagers are said to spend about 10 percent of their driving time outside of the lane they are supposed to be in. As for talking on a phone while driving, a young person's reaction time can be slowed to that of a 70 year old. Answering a text takes your attention from the road for about five seconds, and in that amount of time, you can travel the distance of a football field.

Bill Stouffer, a Republican from Napton, wants to create a new traffic violation for those who fail to give "full time and attention" while driving.

"What we really want is to crack down on texting while driving and to be able to give highway patrol a little more discretion," Heidi Kolkmeier, a spokeswoman for Sen. Stouffer, said.

"We are not taking away anyone's personal freedom to take a drink of water or eat a snack while in their car. The goal is if you were using a hands-free device and were paying attention to the road, you wouldn't be pulled over; if you were texting or using an iPad or something like that, causing a disturbance on the road, you would get pulled over," Kolkmeier said.

Of course, being pulled over by highway patrol is not the full punishment. If you are in violation of being a distracted driver, you could receive up to 15 days in jail and a \$300 fine, with tougher penalties if you are involved in an accident.

"Yes, the consequences [for being pulled over with no accident] are a Class C misdemeanor, and if an actual accident were to occur, it would be moved to a Class B misdemeanor," Kolkmeier said.

In other words, if you are involved in an accident due to distracted driving, you could spend between 30 days to six months in jail and pay a fine of up to \$500.

"I understand that they are trying to create safer roads but to get arrested because of any distraction, who is to say what you are doing is warranted as a distraction?" freshman Zachariah Bradley said. "Also, the punishment is really strict; 15 days in jail or a \$300 fine is ridiculous."

Though the proposal is unclear to some, Missouri legislation is taking this matter seriously.

The new driving while distracted law would change Missouri's current texting law from being for individuals 21 and under, to all individuals that are able to drive.



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‘Project X’ stars talk about their experience

BEN LAWSON

Features Editor

The Missourian had the opportunity to sit down for an exclusive interview with Thomas Mann, Oliver Cooper and Jonathan Daniel Brown of “Project X.” In “Project X” Mann, Cooper and Brown play three friends who try to shed their unknown status in their high school by throwing a party, but things destructively spiral out of control. The actors talk about working with “The Hangover” director Todd Phillips and trying to keep the party alive on set.

How did you feel when you heard you were able to work with a big name like Todd Phillips?

Oliver: “I was obviously really excited about it. I grew up a huge fan of ‘Old School,’ it’s one of my favorite comedies of all time and obviously ‘The Hangover’ and ‘Road Trip.’ It was really cool, and I thought it would be an amazing experience. But I was also excited to work for Nima (Nourizadeh), the director, as well.

Thomas: “Like Oliver, I was a huge fan of Todd Philips’ previous films. He was just coming off of doing the first ‘Hangover’ when we were auditioning. It was definitely a huge thing for all of us. I had done one movie previously but nothing of this scale. It was really cool. We all took it as a really great opportunity and took it very seriously.”

How much was Todd Phillips actually on the set? What did he contribute?

Thomas: “He was on set a lot at the beginning to kind of make sure that things got started off on the right foot. Then he kind of gave Nima the space to kind of make the movie his own as we

got further and further into the shoot.”

Jonathan: “Without Todd’s involvement the movie wouldn’t have been what it was or maybe not even existed at all. The studio took risks by bringing the three of us, Nima, who is fantastic, and by basically creating an anything-goes atmosphere on kind of a loose budget.”

How was the experience filming? Did it feel like you were actually at a party?

Jonathan: “Absolutely. We had 25 days straight of night shoots, and we chronologically trashed the house. The energy had to be kept up; we had 300 extras that were all actually handpicked by Neema and were basically brought in to make the party grow organically and rapidly. It was a really exhausting and certainly fun and exhilarating experience. In retrospect, I honestly don’t know how I had the ability to do this. I think a lot of the vitamin shots that we took helped.”

Thomas: “We had a DJ on set, and that helped a lot with keeping the party going. It’s hard to fake fun and find a way to make the environment fun for every-

one, especially the extras, so they would keep coming back night after night. Eventually, we got to the point where it was just really, really easy to have a good time, and everyone was really excited to be on set. A lot of extras started to get to know each other. You know, there were cliques and stuff and people that would hang out, and it started to feel like a high school party environment. It was a really incredible time.”

The film has an R-rating and for good reason. It’s a pretty raunchy movie. How do you think your friends and family will react to the movie?

Jonathan: “My parents are okay with it, I swear.”

Oliver: “My parents and grandparents are coming to the premier, and I think that will be interesting. My parents are pretty liberal, they won’t care, but I’m curious to see what my grandparents are gonna say. Hopefully, they can make it through it. Last thing we need is a premier of a movie then a funeral afterwards. It could be like a heart attack waiting to happen.”

After filming a wild and crazy party did you ever go out and try and party just as hard?

Oliver: “We wanted to sleep. We wanted to go home and do nothing.”

Thomas: “The thing is, it makes any other party seem kind of lame. Especially after being on that set because that was kind of always where we wanted to be; it’s not like we were wishing we were somewhere else partying.”

What did you think of the finished product?

Thomas: “It’s definitely different than anything I had seen before. It’s not your run of the mill; it’s very broad and authentic, and I think that’s part of Nima’s style.”

Oliver: “It’s sometimes even a borderline thriller at times. I think it’s really fun and really crazy and over the top, but there are moments that are like legit intense. At screenings, I can see audiences like freak out, and that was so cool. When you see it in front of a theater of people who all come in not knowing what to expect and go out loving it and feeling blown away, it really validates me.”



Emily Hart | NW MISSOURIAN
Women account for 92 percent of the victims of sexual assault, according to a 2005 Centers for Victims of Crime survey. Together, they stand against sexual assault.

OUR VIEW: DATE RAPE

All of us can help to prevent this

Feb. 20, “The Office” star Rainn Wilson crossed the line with a tweet about date rape that was intended to be humorous. “If I were ever date-raped, I would want it to be to ‘Whole Lotta Love’ by Led Zeppelin,” Wilson said. The public outcry was strong enough for him to delete the tweet and offer a public apology the following day.

Wilson’s cavalier attitude toward sexual assault is one shared by other Americans who downplay the severity of it by using it in jokes. To anyone who has been affected by it, however, it is no laughing matter. The statistics on date rape are a little unclear, according to some estimates that a vast majority of date rapes go unreported.

Nevertheless, the Department of Justice warns that women be-

tween the ages of 16 and 24 are four times more likely to be targeted for date rape. They also account for 92 percent of all victims of sexual assault, according to a 2005 survey by the National Centers for Victims of Crime. With the chances that high, more needs to be done to keep sexual assault from happening.

To avoid being victimized, one of the best defenses is surrounding yourself with reliable people. Good friends will not let their friends leave drinks unattended or consume too much only to go home with a stranger. If you are at a party or a bar and you see something suspicious, act on it. Don’t wait until it’s too late.

Do not shift the blame away from the sexual assailant. Some people have begun to take this

stand, claiming that it is the victim’s fault for placing themselves in certain situations. Date rape is not the fault of someone who is dressed promiscuously or drinking excessively - it is always the fault of the person who either attempts or completes the act of a sexual assault. There are ways to avoid certain situations, but someone who is simply enjoying a night out cannot hold the responsibility for being raped.

Finally, understand that making jokes about issues like sexual assault only trivializes them, and diminishes their impact. Wilson had to learn this the hard way, but it is hoped that his Twitter feed will again be filled with jokes such as, “The Republican vegetarian Facebook page is up to 18 followers!”

In last week’s edition of The Northwest Missourian, a printing error occurred. NPG Printing Co. made a mistake and printed the previous week’s page A11 instead of the A9 that was supposed to be printed. NPG apologizes to The Missourian and its readers for the mishap. To view the correct last issue in its entirety you can look through the PDF version on The Missourian’s Web site.

- Trey Williams, Editor-in-Chief

CAMPUS TALK

How can sexual assault be avoided?



“People need to be more aware, pay attention to their surroundings before going home with somebody. So they can be more cautious and pay more attention to who they’re around, or try to avoid going somewhere alone.”

Briana Ferguson
Public Relations



“More information on things to look for and things like that, just to spread information about it and awareness of the problem. Safety, what to look for, especially like if you’re at a bar.”

Alvin Edwards
Accounting



“Maybe more lights around campus, like if you’re walking back at night it’s kind of dark... And if you’re going out partying, make sure you have someone who’s going to look after you.”

Kristine Brown
Accounting



“One way it can be avoided is if there’s no alcohol involved... When alcohol is involved, everyone is careless, so a lot is liable to happen. I think you can have a good time without alcohol.”

Ryan Benjamin
Corporate Recreation and Wellness



“Don’t take any risky choices that you know you might regret or could get you into trouble. Just think about things, think it through before you do something that you might regret.”

Samantha Sciara
Speech and Theater Education

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Consumers should avoid lab-grown beef



PHILIP GRUENWALD
Opinion Editor

The hamburger as we know it could soon take genetic modification to a whole new level. Scientists are wrapping up the first synthetically produced hamburger and plan to release it to the market in fall 2012, according to news source AFP. If its release has some hiccups while passing through FDA regulations, though, they won’t compare to the indigestion suffered by some concerned consumers.

Earthy critics’ main beef with the non-bovine burger goes back to old arguments about natural versus synthetic vitamins. Natural vitamins are expensive to harvest, process and ship. Synthetic vitamins are cheaper to manufacture and do not necessitate the harvest of natural resources. But which is better for the environment?

Consumers hold the upper

hand. Their power of choice will be evident with the advent of the synthetic burger. Will the greenies buy it? Or are they better off eating soy nuts and bean burgers?

The meat is grown from stem cells taken from fetal calves. Without opening a debate on embryonic stem cell research, this means that synthetic burgers are at the scene of an animal’s death, which would make them non-kosher to moral vegetarians. Especially when you consider that vegetarians already have a bone to pick with the multi-billion-dollar meat industry, which is expected to be the buyer of this technology, these burgers’ purpose seems a bit unclear.

However, they will be a hit with consumers who are not full-fledged vegetarians but wish to reduce their carbon footprint. Thank you, synthetic burgers, for creating yet another opportunity for the food industry to milk the green trend for all it’s worth.

With the estimated vegetarian population of the United States at

roughly 3 percent and growing, according to the Vegetarian Times, the synthetic meat market is not die-hard tree huggers. Instead, synthetic burgers have come to save our natural resources from the all-consuming meat industry, which is expected to rise by 50 percent before 2050. That means high stakes for the test-tube meat. Synthetic meat production removes grain and water consumption, cattle transport and slaughter from the meat production process, requiring 40 percent less energy and saving untold costs.

Regardless of who ends up buying the burgers, the idea needs to have the good graces of the vegetarian community. If the burger production is not in line with the ideals of environmentally conscious consumers, the meat industry could tick off this new product’s early adopters, whose blogs and tweets could make or break the test-tube meat. The greenies have once again proven their power, reminding the meat industry that if you mess with the bull, you get the horns.

Americans practice eugenics by burning books



STEFAN PYLES
Contributing Columnist

The Nazis burned books, and until a week or two ago, Americans did not. Now there exists cause to claim that America is relinquishing the grasp on decency it ejaculates about to the ire of the world. The truth about the recent burning of the Quran by the United States military is that it is not the first time America perpetrated such crimes. The irony is that, in almost every other instance, the barbarism took place in front of the people whom the United States wasted billions of dollars and sacrificed thousands of lives freeing.

More than a decade ago, driven by the deception of a tyrannical moron, the military invaded Iraq and Afghanistan in search of one man. The ironic truth about that is it required electing a Democrat to finally find said single man. In 2004 at the Abu Ghraib prison - or war-hell, seeing as it truly exists, like Guantanamo Bay, as a death camp - the world learned Americans committed all sorts of evil after news broke that soldiers sodomized, tortured and murdered prisoners of war; these prisoners of war were protected by the same laws enacted following Hitler’s attempt to crush mankind into a single race of idiots.

A few months ago, because illogicality is equally progressive, the military again received castigation

while issuing apologies after a video spread of four Marines urinating on dead Arabs. What entangles the most visceral knot while observing this charade is that, following the murder of Osama bin Laden, the masses blared like a pod of beached dolphins when bin Laden’s face was not aired in order to uphold some moral high ground upon which nobody in this dilapidated plutocracy stands.

Asserting that American atrocities bear less need for justice because of the ruthlessness of the enemies against whom “United We Stand” is what a child does when it hits another kid after being hit first. Americans act like Nazis, then excuse their behaviors as “unintentional” when they have nothing more than total disregard for others’ religions.

HEALTH COLUMN: SPIRITUALITY

Living intentionally, spiritually for a healthy sense of purpose

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Spiritual Wellness Month is historically celebrated during the month of March. It provides all who celebrate it the opportunity to practice living life in perfect balance within our body, mind and spirit. It is important to understand that we are spiritual beings having a human experience, rather than a human being having occasional spiritual feelings.

All too often in our lives we get swept away by regrets from the past, the daily grind and worries about tomorrow. Instead of focusing on what matters right here, right now, we focus our thoughts on what has or what could. This way of looking at the world hinders us from being the thriving, vibrant, truly incredible individuals we all are.

Think of your life as an adventure movie and yourself as the main character. Maybe you are Indiana Jones running through caverns, fighting the bad guys and saving the day (all while avoiding snakes, might I add). Maybe you are Forrest Gump and simply living your life from moment to moment without trying to overthink or overcomplicate. Got your character? Good. These two share a common factor: they are the sum of their experiences.

“When the act of reflection takes place in the mind,” notable author Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “when we look at ourselves in the light of thought, we discover that our life is embosomed in beauty.” Do you think that Indiana Jones reminisced about how he thwarted Nazis and held the Holy Grail? You bet he did. Do you think Forrest Gump relished his life experiences to the point that he wanted to tell everyone about them? Duh, that’s how the story in the film is told.

The thing is, there never would have been another mystery for Indiana to unearth or crazy story for Forrest to tell if they didn’t live in the present. Likewise, these films would



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Christopher Triplett is a graduate student working with peer education with University Wellness Services. His article this week about a purpose-driven spiritual life kicks off Spiritual Wellness Month, through March.

have no purpose in being told had the characters only worried about the future.

So what does that leave us with? It leaves us with the idea of living in the present. The concept of living intentionally describes the practice of performing each task, each day, with a purpose. As you progress in your own “adventure film,” you may experience feelings of doubt, despair, fear and disappointment, as well as feelings of pleasure, joy, happiness and discovery. It is how you react to these feelings based on your system of values, beliefs and goals that truly define your character.

Former British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli stated that “we are not creatures of circumstance; we are creators of circumstance.” I challenge you to learn from your past, live in the present and leave a legacy for the future. Through living intentionally, you will not only set yourself up for repeated success (and a happier life outlook), but you will directly affect those around you and future generations.

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with The Advocate, the national gay and lesbian news magazine. Since then, his personal 40-year journey to match his gender identity with his physical body has been watched through what seems like a very public microscope.

He has written three books, including the ground breaking “Transition: The Story of How I Became a Man,” that have opened eyes and minds of those unfamiliar with the life-long struggles of any member of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning community. His documentary, “Becoming Chaz,” received three Primetime Emmy Award nominations. His follow-up on the Oprah Winfrey Network, “Being Chaz,” documents his new life and preparation for his controversial participation on ABC’s “Dancing with the Stars” last fall, which led to multiple threats on his life.

“Although this topic may not directly affect every Northwest student, lots of people can relate in some way,” Martin said. “Whether it be a mom, dad, sister, brother or friend, almost all of us know someone who this affects.”

Eric Simmons, a senior Northwest art student and member of the LGBTQ community, said he is excited that Bono will speak about a topic that is too often considered taboo in a world where gender identity and surrounding issues are a reality.

“It is important to look at these issues from the point of view of the individuals who are struggling,” Simmons said. “I understand what they are going through, and I’m very excited that Chaz will be coming to speak about issues that need to be discussed. The only way for us to grow as humans and as a culture is to understand the possibilities of the future and that includes everyone, whether you are lesbian, gay, transgender, whatever or whoever you are.”

During Bono’s lecture at Northwest he will discuss his journey to sobriety, his path to acceptance from his family and his transition to the public eye. Bono will also designate the end portion of his lecture to an open session when he will answer questions from audience members, Martin said.

“So far we’ve gotten a really positive response from the campus community,” Martin said. “This is really cool for students to be able to meet someone who has grown really popular in the media recently with such a diverse background.”

Samantha Hundley, president of Northwest’s gay-straight alliance, Common Ground said there have been undertones of disagreement on the choice to bring Bono to campus as a representative of the LGBTQ community.

Hundley said although some members may dis-



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Chaz Bono will come to Northwest March 7 to speak with students about gay rights at the Charles Johnson Theater. The lecture is free to the public.

agree with Bono’s background, transition process or viewpoints, for the most part Common Ground is looking forward to Bono’s visit.

“We are all really excited about Chaz coming. A lot of transgender members don’t feel included, and I think this is a great way for the University to support these students,” Hundley said. “We (the LGBTQ community) aren’t that small; we are actually quite large. We aren’t outrageous; we are normal. I think there is a lot of stigma that comes with an organization like Common Ground and Chaz’s attendance may help minimize that.”

The lecture is free to the public and will be at 7 p.m. March 7 in the Charles Johnson Theatre. Martin said she hopes students and the Northwest community can “come out and enjoy a good show” while continuing the Northwest culture’s highest standards of respect.

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the inner workings and what goes on behind starting a business from scratch,” Blackford said.

A variety of successful entrepreneurs, accountants, lawyers and other professionals who work with small businesses will judge the teams. The overall winning team will receive the Dave and Les Ackman Entrepreneurship Scholarship, which covers the cost of three credit hours. There will also be smaller prizes awarded to winners of particular categories.

“It has been a great opportunity that I have been associated with at other universities and was hoping to give our students the chance to experience the same thing,” Blackford said. “I hope that this will help raise awareness of entrepreneurship and small business throughout campus and the community.”

Blackford said that, ideally, the competition will become an annual occurrence and expand to include the participation of other universities.

Students interested in the competition can find more information at www.nwmissouri.edu/dept/mktmgt/bpc/.

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proach,” Director of the Missouri Pork Association Don Nikodim said. “The livelihoods of many depend on that, and today’s extremist groups are out to end the raising of livestock. If you’re in Missouri, you have a right to raise livestock, and we support it.”

The Right to Raise Livestock bill was sponsored by Loehner, and its supporters include Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Pork Association, Missouri Cattlemen’s Association and Missouri Federation of Animal Owners.

Those in opposition of the bill claim that the amendment places limitations on initiative petitions and could restrict the rights of voters, according to KCTV Channel 5 News out of Kansas City, Mo.

If the amendment proposal is approved by both the House and the Senate, it would appear on the state’s ballot in November.

ABUSE
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Clark received an apology message from Cook over Facebook this past Christmas break. He is presently preparing to father a child with his current girlfriend.

Clark said enough time has passed that it no longer affects her the way it once did. She offers advice to women who find themselves in similar situations.

“Don’t let what happened to you define who you are. If I would have handled it differently, I could have put it in my past and just forgot about it,” Clark said. “But since I tried to forget about it at the time, it’s still affecting the choices and how I see guys and how I see myself to this day.”

In 2009, 125,910 victims of ages 12 years and older experienced rapes or sexual assaults, according to the National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Resource Guide. Only 55 percent of those crimes were reported to law enforcement.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics found in 2001 that 80 percent of all sexual assaults were committed by acquaintances of the victim.

Ashley Jones found out the gravity of that statistic when she was just a freshman in high school. Jones said her boyfriend at the time, a senior, was both sexually and mentally abusive.

She said the first incident occurred one day after school when he took Jones’ hand and forced it down his pants.

“He knew that I didn’t want to do anything besides kiss or anything...” Jones said. “I just kind of like froze; I didn’t move at all. He would always try to get me to do more and more.”

Jones continued to date him until August of the following year. Within that time frame the abuse continued and caused tension between Jones and her family.

“I always thought everything was my fault; he would always blame me for everything, like if my parents wouldn’t let me do something. He would always try to get me to fight with my parents,” Jones said as she visibly struggled with the memory. “That was the farthest I ever felt with my mom; me and my mom are really close. That was bad.”

The most damaging episode occurred on the night of prom when he forced her to perform oral sex on him. Jones’ mood changed, and the hesitation was blatantly present in her voice as she recalled the events of that night.

“We were sitting in the car, and he wanted me to do oral, and I told him I didn’t want to,” Jones said. “Like he tried to convince me to do it; like he tried to sweet-

talk me into it at first, like ‘kiss me on the neck and stuff. When I went to kiss him on the neck, I still didn’t want to; he just kind of grabbed my hair and like pushed me down there.

“It was really, uh, I don’t know; he was my first boyfriend, so I kind of thought it was just normal, like how it was supposed to happen, and that’s just what couples did, but um guess not.”

Jones kept the story to herself for the next six years until she sought counseling at the campus Wellness Center. She said it was very helpful to talk to someone about what happened, especially someone who was completely objective and listened without injecting his/her own opinion.

Prior to counseling, Jones said writing poetry helped her deal with the situation. For the first time throughout the interview she has a look of ease on her face. She said having an outlet for all of her emotions saved her from having to bottle it all inside.

“It took me a long time to trust (guys), and I wasn’t a fan of PDA at all for a long time. Holding hands was fine but anything besides that would just give me goose bumps,” Jones said. “I always felt like I was expected to do something or go on, and then I would just freak out, and I would just shut down.”

Jones said that it is hard to give girls in similar positions advice on how to handle it because if people would have tried to confront her about it, she isn’t sure she would have listened at the time. However, she believes that she has moved past it with the help of counseling and her poetry, and it no longer affects her decisions.

“It’s a bad situation to be in; the girl has to have enough self-awareness to be able to make a move or say something,” Jones said. “...it’s just such a hard situation to get out of. You have to have that outlet or that thing that you can put all your energy or focus or negative feelings into; for me, it was writing.”

Today, both women carry on normal lives as college students and want to leave the past where it is. Unfortunately, they are not the only ones affected by such abuse. An estimated 12 percent of women attending college in the United States have been victims of at least one sexual assault.

For these women, abuse is a serious matter, and while it is a subject that can be difficult to approach, tackle and overcome it is one they cannot ignore. However, statistics show the voices of victims are often left silent. Anyone who is being abused or knows someone who is can seek help by contacting the Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri in Maryville, which works to serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Feb. 27 William H. Walker, Jr., 52, Pickering, Mo., was charged with driving without a valid driver’s license at U.S. Highway 71 and U.S. Highway 136.	at 300 block North Market.	Mo., at 300 block North Market.	Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated, minor in possession and improper turn at 200 block East Fourth Street.	Maryville, Mo., at 1600 block South Main Street.
Feb. 26 Jacob R. Hawkins, 21, Plattsburg, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and careless and imprudent driving a 800 block University Drive.	There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 600 block East First Street.	Feb. 19 Jeffry W. Schnepel, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 700 block North Buchanan.	Tanner C. Dowis, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle at 200 block East Fourth Street.	There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at 1000 block South Dunn.
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 500 block Prather Avenue.	An accident occurred between Heather L. Brownes, 25, Maryville, Mo., and Maxwell S. Cochran, 24, Lincoln, Neb., at 2600 block South Main. Cochran was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.	There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 800 block East First Street.	Maggie L. Rowden, 19, Maryville, Mo., and Kelsey D. Adams, 19, Maryville, Mo., were charged with minor in possession at 200 block East Fourth Street.	Feb. 13 An accident involving Melissa A. Johnson, 23, Clarinda, Iowa, occurred at North Country Club and College Drive.
Philip W. Park, 48, Overland Park, Kan., was charged with driving while suspended and illegal turn at 100 block West Third Street.	There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 1600 block South Main.	Zachery D. Crawford, 23, Spickard, Mo., was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at 400 block North Market.	Feb. 16 There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 900 block West Twelfth Street.	Feb. 12 There is an ongoing investigation of lost or stolen property at 300 block North Market.
Feb. 25 An accident occurred between an unknown driver and the vehicle owned by Crystal Poppa, Maryville, Mo., at 1100 block South Main.	An accident occurred between Louis J. Hardy, 28, Maryville, Mo., and Michaela F. Keller, 19, Maryville, Mo., at 500 block North Main.	An accident occurred between Aaron J. Morris, 20, Fremont, Neb., and Roger E. Cronk, 72, Burlington Junction, Mo., at 100 block North Walnut.	Kassandra M. Grout, 20, Corning, Iowa, and Dustin L. Grout, 21, Corning, Iowa, were charged with domestic assault at 400 block East Sixth Street.	Feb. 11 Evan M. Madsen, 23, Maryville, Mo., was charged with affray at 300 block North Market.
Feb. 24 Aaron M. Metzger, 21, Rock Port, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and failure to provide proof of financial responsibility at U.S. Business Highway 71 North.	Feb. 22 There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at 60 block North Buchanan.	There is an ongoing investigation of a stolen vehicle at 500 block West Torrance.	Brett A. Moore, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with larceny and disorderly conduct and Brittany L. Tanner, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with larceny at 300 block North Main.	Jerry D. Easley, 40, Maryville, Mo., was charged with domestic assault at 500 block West Fifth Street.
An accident occurred between Adam J.L. Rigbsby, 21, Clyde, Mo., and Kara J. Behrendt, 21, Dulap, Iowa, at 1500 block North Main. Rigbsby was issued a citation for failure to yield.	Feb. 21 An accident occurred between Racheal M. Helms, 20, Ironton, Mo., and Claire E. Harms, 20, Pasadena, Calif., at 900 block North Mulberry. Helms was issued a citation for failure to yield.	There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 400 block West Lieber.	Feb. 15 There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 600 block West Grant.	Feb. 10 Xavier B. Mildward, 23, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and improper registration.
An accident occurred between Janice G. Wiederholt, 84, Maryville, Mo., and Leslie R. Abarr-Chandler, 43, Maryville, Mo., at 100 block South Main. Abarr-Chandler was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.	An accident involving Bernella R. Simmons, 75, Maryville, Mo., occurred at 100 block East Edwards.	An accident occurred between Vilas C. Birkenholz, 18, Weatherby, Mo., and Ricky L. Boy, 53, Douglas, Wyo., at 100 block West Lincoln. Birkenholz was issued a citation for following too closely.	Kyle K. Wallace, 24, Maryville, Mo., was wanted on warrant for failure to appear and failure to pay at 400 block North Market.	There is an ongoing investigation of a hit and run at 500 block East Third Street.
Feb. 23 Kevin R. Dodson, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession	Diana L. Reyes, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 600 block West Halsey.	Feb. 17 Ebony M. Osby, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with speeding, failure to comply, and failure to show proof of insurance at 900 block East Seventh Street.	Braxton T. Salcedo, 16, Maryville, Mo., was charged with failure to obey school bus stop sign at 1200 block North Buchanan.	Benjamin D. Brentano, 19, Maryville, Mo., and Austin C. Blackford, 19, Maryville, Mo., were charged with minor in possession at 2900 block South Main Street.
	There was a structural fire reported at 400 block North Buchanan.	Jordan A. Albright, 19, Maryville,	An accident occurred between Kirsten S. Peterson, 18, Burlington Junction, Mo., and Donna F. Pierson, 79,	An industrial fire was reported at 2000 block East First Street.
	Feb. 20 There is an ongoing investigation of a hit and run at 600 block East Fourth Street.		Feb. 9 There is an ongoing investigation of a hit and run at 600 block E Third.	
	An accident occurred between an unknown driver and a vehicle owned by Jeremy L. Richardson, Maryville,		Feb. 7 There is an ongoing investigation of disorderly conduct at 2500 block Aurora Avenue.	

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14 Kia model
15 Dagwood's pesky kid neighbor
16 Japanese salad ingredient
17 Daffy trying to hit the piñata?
20 Campfire remains
21 It originates from the left ventricle
22 Pops
23 "Garfield" waitress
24 Detective Spade
25 Survey response at the farm?
33 Stows in a hold
34 x, y or z
35 Many a Louis
36 Supplies for Seurat
37 Sends regrets, perhaps
39 Entry in a PDA
40 Maui strings
41 Waterfall sound
42 Not at all good at losing?
43 Tom fooler?
47 Only reason to watch the Super Bowl, some say
48 Like a pretentious museumgoer
49 Plane parking place
52 Mountaintop home
54 Likely result of failing a Breathalyzer test, briefly
57 Looney's cake-making aid?
60 Dedicatee of Lennon's "Woman"
61 Jazz singer Laine
62 Blanche Dubois's sister
63 Place with presses
64 It may be a peck
65 "Mustn't do that!"

Down

1 Fizz in a gin fizz
2 PC "brains"
3 Make quite an impression
4 Beat back?
5 Boards at dock
6 Strauss opera based on a Wilde play
7 Flat bread?
8 "M*A*S*H" actor
9 Currency-stabilizing org.
10 Thingamabobs
11 Hirsch of "Numb3rs"
12 Picked from a lineup
13 Shampoo ad buzzword
18 Shah's land, once
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24 Juanita's half-dozen
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38 Actor Mineo
39 With skill
41 Scapegoat in some down-home humor
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By Betty Keller

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Answers for the Feb. 23 issue.

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44 "Get Smart" evil org.
45 Shirts and skirts
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Answers for the Feb. 23 issue.

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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (03/01/12). Saturn spends most of 2012 in Libra, your Eighth House of joint resources. Target debt reduction this year, and then build savings and retirement funds. Saturn's about learning and responsibility. Career and education both sparkle. Love and social life's not bad, either.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Finish a job carefully. A solution to an old problem becomes apparent, and reviewing the cards again reveals new strategies that weren't obvious before.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6

-- Wait until later to discuss an upcoming purchase ... the timing's not right. Heed a friend's warning. When choosing, consider the impacts on your health.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Impulsiveness can cause accidents, so slow down a bit. Check your footing, and play strong. Refuse to be suppressed. Recharge batteries when low.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Think it over a little longer. It should be ready to go later. Traffic's blocked for now. Stick close to home, and take care of some lingering responsibility.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Belt it out: You've got something to say, and they're listening. You have some wonderful friends. The best things in life are free. Enjoy them with gusto.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Don't jump the gun; listen for the timing. Step carefully, and watch where you're going. Pay attention, and you master the dance. Now you're jamming.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Imagine the finished product, and you can spot potential problems before they arise. If you get stuck, take a walk and think it

over. Calm down to untangle.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Stay close to home, but make sure to recharge with a stroll outdoors. Don't miss the forest for the trees. Look at the big picture. Get plenty of rest.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- At first, the task may seem impossible. Create teamwork to make it happen, and exceed expectations. Don't forget to give thanks. There's room for love.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Keep working on it with as few

distractions as possible. But don't cut corners to get the job done. Pay attention to detail. Slow down to get it done faster.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Don't throw your money away; be creative with what you've got. Open windows and let a romantic breeze fill your heart. When all else fails, use humor.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Your family helps you to overcome a difficult situation. Lean on them more than you might normally. Thank them. They know you'd do the same. Don't take it personally.

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WHAT'S HOT

Studies show health benefits to gaming

Looks like your parents were wrong when they said playing video games would ruin your health. Studies show that playing First-Person Shooters can help people with a rare eye disorder, playing “World of Warcraft” can improve elderly people’s cognitive functions and playing a specifically designed version of “Guitar Hero” can help rehabilitate amputees.

‘The Artist’ Oscar recognition

The silent film may have only grossed a weak \$32 million at the box office but the Academy felt it deserved more recognition than that. The movie earned five Oscars, including Best Picture and Best Leading Actor for Jean Dujardin. It is the first silent movie to win an Oscar since 1927.

Angelina Jolie’s right leg

Angelina Jolie received a lot of attention at this year’s Academy Awards, not for her work as an actress but for flaunting her stuff. The actress wore a dress with a thigh-high slit and struck a pose to highlight her revealed leg. It even earned its own Twitter account, @AngiesRightLeg, which has more than 30,000 followers.

WHAT'S NOT

MTV confirms “Teen Mom 3”

If you haven’t had enough of dysfunctional teenagers trying to raise innocent children then have no fear, MTV has confirmed they will make another show with a completely new group of mothers. People have probably learned their lesson about teen pregnancy, MTV. You need to stop recreating the same reality show and come out with an original idea, preferably one that pertains to music.

Berenstein Bears co-creator dies

Jan Berenstain, co-creator of the Berenstain Bears, died from a severe stroke Feb. 23 at the age of 88. She published the first book in 1962 with her husband Stan, who died in 2005. Her son, Mike Berenstain, will continue writing the books.

Too much love for “Hugo” at the Oscars

Sure, “Hugo” was a good movie, but was it worthy of five Academy Awards? Definitely not. It seems kind of pretentious of the Academy to give so many awards to a movie that was simply about the love of film.



In this week’s Stroller, your man makes several suggestions for uses of the university pool, including turning it into a skateboard ramp for use in punk rock music videos.

THE STROLLER: Your man’s advice for University pool

Last week, I wrote a tear-jerking, sappy, Hallmark card-quality monologue about missing the people who will leave Northwest Missouri State University due to budget cuts. I meant every word, I really did, but I can’t stay sentimental forever. It’s time to move on.

I’m talking about the pool, which really doesn’t deserve to be converted into subterranean suite-style student housing (even though that’s a great idea). There must be a better use of it. But since no one else seems to have any brilliant ideas around here, I shall impart some of my wisdom.

Fill it back up with water and use it as a wildlife ecology experimentation tank, specifically with primates. We can then change our school motto to “I got me some bathin’ apes.”

Rent it out to an aspiring punk rock or pop punk band’s photo/video shoot, the likes of which haven’t been seen since Sum 41’s “In Too Deep.” This also guarantees that the sides will be “artistically” graffitied, for free!

Two words: Ball pit. That huge, empty square is just screaming to be filled with dirty balls. There’s a joke in there somewhere, but, like

dirty balls, I’m not touching it. Ninja Warrior-style obstacle course for Bobby Bearcats in training.

Site of a mass trash fire for all the purchases you’re ashamed of so they will never be seen again, like Family Guy DVD sets, wrappers from Taco John’s new fish tacos (how many times do I have to tell you guys? Stick to your damn tacos, okay?), any clothing item containing camouflage and pink, a Pontiac Grand Am or size extra small Walmart-brand “latex contraceptives.”

Or you could just fill the stupid thing back up with water and charge a fee for public use, seeing as the closest indoor pool is now St. Joseph, which would fix our pesky budget problem and create student jobs for lifeguards and desk attendants. Then open up a small concession stand for Aramark to satisfy their insatiable thirst of students’ money, which would make them happy too. But I’m just a sarcastic, insensitive, ranting ignoramus. What do I know?

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Fanfarlo entices listeners with variety of instruments

SARAH THOMACK
Missourian Reporter

Fanfarlo, the charming, talented band from London is blessing the world with album number two: “Rooms Filled With Light,” released Feb. 28.

“Twilight” fans may recognize them from their song, “Atlas,” from the “Eclipse” soundtrack. The five-member band has elements that sound similar to Arcade Fire or The Cure, but definitely maintains their own unique sound. Their sound is hard to describe as they have songs that feature saxophones, electronic sounds, violins and a glockenspiel. Listeners may wonder if there is

any instrument they cannot play.

With the dramatic strings of the beginning track, “Replicate,” Fanfarlo entices and captures the listener and does not let go throughout the entire album. Each song on the album uses different instruments and sounds, but the entire album blends together perfectly. “Replicate” is dramatic; the very next song, “Deconstruction,” is peppy, and the ending song, “A Flood,” is like a lullaby.

Fanfarlo’s second album has a slightly darker sound than their first work, but they still maintain the energy and peppiness that makes them lovable. Amid the happy musical sound of Fanfarlo

are some heavy lyrics. In “Shiny Things,” lead singer Simon Balthazar sings of people’s tendency to lose sight of things that really matter in exchange for meaningless things. This concept is shown in their weird, slightly disturbing music video for the song.

According to numerous glowing concert reviews of Fanfarlo’s live show, they are definitely on the “Bands you need to see in concert before you die” list. They all have charming British accents so, of course, their concerts can be nothing less than enchanting.

“We’re not trying to change the world, we’re just trying to make really beautiful songs,” Balthazar said

in an interview with Clash Music after the release of their first album. “I hope that people appreciate it... I do think that music will always make good things happen in the world. And if that’s a side effect of us essentially indulging in what we love doing, what we have to do, then that’s great.”



Artist: Fanfarlo
Album: Rooms Filled With Light
Production Company: Atlantic Records

‘Act of Valor’ reminds viewers of soldiers’ sacrifice

JACKI WOOD
Missourian Reporter

A movie unlike any before it, “Act of Valor” tells the fictional story of a group of Navy SEALs. But the film stars eight real-life, active-duty members of the most elite and highly trained soldiers.

Originally, it started out as something of a recruiting tool for the Navy but eventually transformed into an action-packed adventure movie inspired by real acts of valor.

The filmmakers spent over two years shooting real SEAL training exercises with live ammunition. They weaved it into the global anti-terrorism story with the latest authentic combat technology and SEAL rescue tactics, which all add to the authenticity of the movie.

All of these techniques help audiences understand some of

what Navy SEAL team members must deal with while on active duty.

But with so much of the attention focused on the action, the story only briefly touches on who these men are as individuals. We are let into their personal lives just briefly as they show interaction with their families before they are deployed.

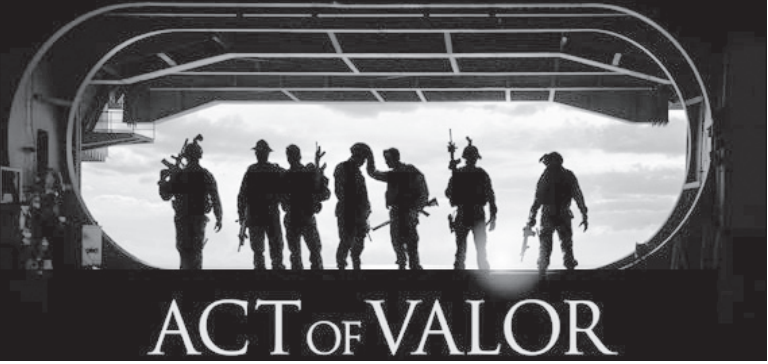
But it left me wanting more. I am afraid, however, if the team members had opened up more about themselves and their families, we would see more of their inability to act, which came through at times during the longer dialogue sequences.

It was a reminder that these are not trained actors but trained warriors. My distraction was minimized, though, by the realization that these are, indeed, true acts of valor.

While it may seem cliché to say these men are risking their lives so that we as Americans can enjoy our freedoms, the film was a poignant reminder of that. Filled with plenty of action, patriotism and the bonds of SEAL brotherhood, the reality of it all fills me with gratitude for the many men who serve our country every day.



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NORTHWEST MEN’S BASKETBALL



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Junior point guard DeShaun Cooper holds up the MIAA championship trophy while surrounded by his teammates. The Bearcats captured a share of the regular season conference championship for the first time since the 2007-'08 season.

RETIRE

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year and made the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 20 years. That team is always going to be special to me because they were so unselfish.”

Steinmeyer said last season’s Final Four team will also hold a special place in his heart.

“I’ve never been around a team that as the pressure mounted on

them, they were as consistent as any team I’ve ever seen,” he said. “It didn’t matter what tournament it was, what pressure it was. From the time we hit postseason that year, I knew exactly what I was going to get out of them.”

“I really think deep down that we might have been the best team in the nation last year, but Michigan Tech just played one game out of their skull that kind of ruined it for us. I’ll always remember that.”

Baker talked about the mark

Steinmeyer made on the University through the little things he did.

“I think that he was a team player. I think that he did things the right way,” Baker said. “He always maintained integrity when it came to the roles of the NCAA and the institution. He recruited quality student-athletes who were students first. His graduation rates are very high. His kids always displayed sportsmanship and integrity. I think all of those achievements will be remembered for a long time.”

FINALE

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pected it to.

“The way I visualized the team, I really thought we were a 17-win team this year that could possibly get back to the NCAA’s,” Steinmeyer said. “I feel bad for the seniors. I really feel bad for them.”

One of the positives going into next season is the amount of playing time freshmen post Maggie Marnin, forward Annie Mathews and guard Ashleigh Nelson received.

Roach talked about the hard-

ships of a 6-22 season, including being swept by seven different teams.

“We had a really tough schedule, especially the first five games of the schedule,” Roach said. “We would go into those games and we knew we had a chance, but when you keep losing and losing, it defeats everyone’s morale.”

Steinmeyer said the final record was not indicative of the team’s effort.

“They gave as much effort as any team I’ve ever coached,” Steinmeyer said. “Unfortunately it didn’t show in the win-loss record.”

IMPROVING

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things, like what their hitters look like or what their pitchers are throwing,” Anderson said. “Hopefully, it will help us to be better prepared for when our conference doubleheaders start in a couple weeks.”

In addition to the MIAA participants, a variety of teams from the southern states will be represented.

Northwest will play against two teams from Oklahoma and one from Arkansas.

“Playing against three southern teams again, I feel like we are already behind,” Anderson said. “They will be practicing outside all week; we are hoping to get outside once.”

The ‘Cats return to the diamond at 3 p.m. tomorrow against Northeastern State in Joplin, to kick off the Teri-Mathis Zenner Memorial Tournament that runs throughout the weekend.

SPORTS NOTES

Sports Staff

Pair of track athletes reach NCAA meet

Two Bearcats qualified for the 2012 NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field National Championship.

On the men’s side, junior Will Haer qualified for the pole vault after jumping 16 feet 1.24 inches earlier this season.

Haer will be the No. 12 seed heading into the national championship and ranks third all-time in Northwest’s all-time list for the indoor pole vault.

For the women, Lekiesha McKnight set the provisional mark in the last weekend’s MIAA meet in the shot put.

McKnight’s throw of 47 feet 2.25 inches was her personal best and moved her to third place on the all-time Northwest indoor list.

Haer and McKnight will compete for a national championship on March 9-10 in Mankato, Minn.

McCollum, players receive MIAA honors

Four men’s basketball players received MIAA regular season honors on Tuesday.

Junior guard DeShaun Cooper was selected to the All-MIAA First Team after leading the ‘Cats to a first-place finish in the conference.

“I thought they were all well deserved,” head coach Ben McCollum said. “DeShaun had a great year. I think he distributed more this year and didn’t really look to score a lot until the last five minutes of the game and came up big.”

Senior forward Jake Reinders earned a second-team spot, and junior guard DeAngelo Hailey and

senior guard Kyle Haake received honorable mention honors.

“Obviously, Jake had huge games,” McCollum said. “One of our best defenders and a leader. Then Kyle and DeAngelo both had great seasons scoring wise and had some big games where they won us games.”

Reinders was also voted to the MIAA All-Defensive team after posting 24 blocks and averaging over six rebounds per contest.

McCollum was voted as the conference’s Coach of the Year after leading the Bearcats to a tie for first place in the conference after finishing in 10th place last season.

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NW MEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	21-5	15-5
Washburn.....	21-7	15-5
Central Mo.....	19-7	15-5
Mo. Southern.....	22-6	14-6
Fort Hays.....	18-8	12-8
Southwest Baptist.....	18-11	11-9
Pitt. State.....	15-13	10-10
Emporia State.....	9-17	5-15
Truman.....	8-20	5-15
Mo. Western.....	9-17	4-16
Lincoln (Mo.).....	4-22	4-16

March 2 - Quarterfinals:
Emporia at Washburn
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MHS BOY’S BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Cameron.....	19-6	7-0
Savannah.....	18-9	8-1
Lafayette.....	14-15	8-3
MARYVILLE.....	11-11	3-5
Smithville.....	6-13	2-4
Benton.....	3-22	3-8
Chillicothe.....	13-11	1-4
LeBlond.....	7-15	1-7

March 1:
Lafayette at Carrollton
Cameron at Mid-Buchannah
East Buchanan at MARYVILLE

March 3:
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NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Washburn.....	25-4	18-2
Pitt. State.....	24-4	17-3
Emporia St.....	19-7	14-6
Central Mo.....	19-7	13-7
Fort Hays.....	20-8	12-8
Truman.....	17-9	11-9
Lincoln (Mo.).....	14-12	8-12
Mo. Western.....	7-19	5-15
Southwest Baptist.....	9-17	4-16
Mo. Southern.....	8-18	4-16
NORTHWEST.....	6-22	4-16

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MHS GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Smithville.....	19-4	7-0
Cameron.....	22-4	4-2
Benton.....	12-12	5-3
Lafayette.....	13-14	6-4
Savannah.....	17-7	5-4
MARYVILLE.....	12-11	1-5
Chillicothe.....	9-13	0-4
LeBlond.....	2-20	0-7

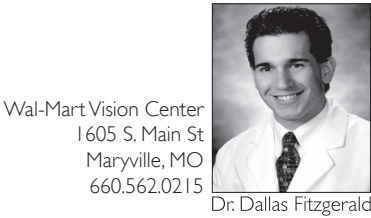
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Junior guard Jonathan Baker pushes past a Cameron defender for an opening Feb. 21 at Maryville High School. The boys play in the second round of districts Friday night.

LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Boys keep season alive, move on

CHRIS SCHOONOVER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Spoofhounds continued district play as they upended South Harrison Tuesday night. The Bulldogs came out hot, but the 'Hounds overcame their slow start and found themselves down at the first quarter buzzer 14-13. Then the Spoofhounds' offense and defense started to click as they went on a 21-2 run to end the half. "We got off to a sluggish start, but in the second quarter we had that run," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "I think it was the difference in the game. We shut them down pretty good in that quarter. I thought we battled them pretty evenly for the next two quarters, but that one little run at the end of the first quarter and the whole

second quarter was the key." The Maryville offensive onslaught was halted in the third period, as the Bulldogs sliced into their lead, 35-26. Once the fourth quarter started, the 'Hounds turned to leading scorer Tyler Walter. The senior guard put the team on his back and scored nine of his game-high 18 points in the fourth quarter, single-handedly outscoring the whole South Harrison team in the period. The 'Hounds (11-13, 3-5 MEC) advance to the second round of district play with the 47-34 victory. Junior guard Jonathan Baker scored 16 points in the Spoofhounds victory. Baker and Walter combined to score 34 out of the teams' 47 points. Junior guard Treyton Burch

chipped in six points off the bench. Up next for Maryville is the second seeded East Buchanan Bulldogs whom they lost to, 43-39 Jan. 31. "We have to try and work on some of their stuff," Kuwitzky said. "We have to contain their two outside shooters and their big boy inside who had 30 points last night. He's really good." The Spoofhounds' success rides on how they force other teams to play their pace of ball, but Kuwitzky sees a lot of similarities between them and the Bulldogs. "They play kind of our pace anyway," he said. "They can slow it down and score, or they can get out and run if they have to." The 'Hounds will try to keep their district championship aspirations alive at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Plattsburg High School.

Girls end season in 1st round of districts

CHRIS SCHOONOVER
Assistant Sports Editor

A sputtering offense was too much to overcome for the Spoofhound basketball team Monday night, as their season ended in the first round of district play against East Buchanan. The No. 2 seeded 'Hounds failed to get much offense going throughout the entire game, including a one-point third quarter. The lack of scoring proved to be the downfall for the Spoofhounds, as they were upset by the No. 7 seed, 40-25. "We got the shots we were looking for, but East Buc made it really hard to get any shots inside," head coach Grant Hageman said. "You have to be able to find a way to get to the rim to be able to get it inside. We just couldn't seem to get a shot to fall. We just didn't have any momentum. "Defensively, we didn't play bad. We could have done some things better, but if you hold a team to 40 points you hope to be in the game." Senior forward Holly Wilmarth led the way for Maryville, scoring 11 points in her final basketball game in the Spoofhound green and gold. Fellow senior forward Brooke

"They have no reason to hang their heads. They upheld what it means to be a Lady Spoofhound basketball player."

Grant Hageman

Byland chipped in six points in the effort. This Spoofhound team is the only team in the last four years not to win the district title. "This team played as hard as my other teams, maybe harder," Hageman said. "I was very frustrated for them and kind of hurt that we didn't have a better result in the end." The 'Hounds lose six seniors due to graduation, but Hageman believes they went out like they should. "We went through a lot this year as players, teammates, coaches and people in general," he said. "What I told them at the end is that success is defined in different ways. A lot of people look at a scoreboard



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior shooting guard Danielle Zimmerman dribbles upcourt with an Auburn defender on her hip earlier this season at Maryville High School. The girls wrapped up their season with a 12-10 record.

and that's how they define success. I think this year, with this team, that our seniors walk out with no regrets on how hard they played. That's the only thing you can control. Sometimes the ball doesn't go in, and that's just life and basketball sometimes. "They have no reason to hang

their heads. They upheld what it means to be a Lady Spoofhound basketball player. They played so hard and are such good teammates." With the season over, Hageman is using this time to reflect on the season and not on what is still to come.

"I haven't even thought too much into next year, so it's hard to comment on that," Hageman said. "We have a lot of young players that can be great in our program. We have three juniors that know what to expect in our program. We will see. It'll be an interesting offseason."

ATHLETES of the WEEK



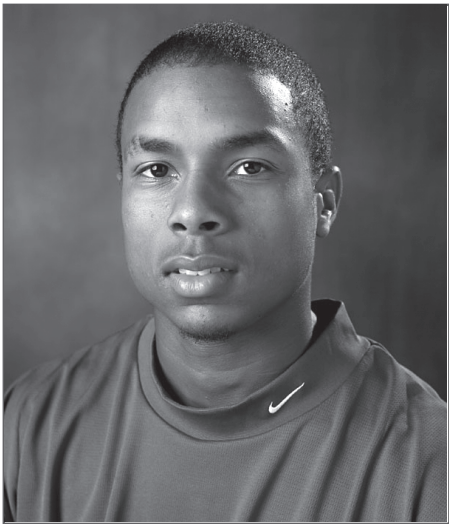
BEARCATS

DeShaun Cooper

Abby Henry

Ryan Abernathy

Tyler Walter



Junior guard DeShaun Cooper scored a game-high 21 points in their victory over Missouri Southern on Saturday. Cooper was also voted a first-team All-MIAA selection on Tuesday.

Senior guard Abby Henry earned a spot on the All-MIAA Honorable Mention team Monday. Henry averaged 13.1 per game and scored nine points in her last game as a Bearcat.

Sophomore outfielder Ryan Abernathy had a break-out weekend against Northeastern State and Arkansas Tech. Abernathy went 10-16 from the plate along with five RBIs.

Senior guard Tyler Walter scored 18 points, including nine in the fourth quarter, to lift the 'Hounds to a 47-34 victory over South Harrison Tuesday night.

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Women’s basketball loses tournament chase

DALTON VITT
Chief Reporter

The tournament fate of the women’s basketball team came down to the last day of the season Saturday.

The Bearcats needed a win against Missouri Southern, as well as a Missouri Western loss against Southwest Baptist to make the MIAA tournament, and could not get either.

The Griffons beat SBU 86-69, while Northwest dropped its game 61-49, officially ending the season.

“You had to really look between the lines to see how hard these kids were working,” Steinmeyer said. “They really worked very hard on defense and we never gave up on a game. We got behind in most games early. We fought back in most games to single-digits, sometimes we’d come back and win.”

The ‘Cats finished the year with a 6-22 record while going 4-16 in the MIAA.

Despite a rough senior season, forward Tara Roach was proud of the way her team battled.

“I would not have asked for another team, they were just great,” Roach said. “I was really impressed with them, and every day in the locker room everyone was just really positive.”

Roach averaged 4.7 points per game to go along with 4.5 rebounds per game.

Other seniors running out of eligibility are guards Abby Henry and Shelly Martin.

Henry and Martin led the team with 13.1 and 9.5 points per game, respectively.

Henry was named to the honorable mention All-MIAA team.

“Abby, Shelly and Tara, obviously being the last senior class I’ll ever coach, will be special, along with a lot of other kids,” Steinmeyer said.

Steinmeyer said this season did not play out quite the way he ex-

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Senior guard Abby Henry fights past a defender as she drives the lane. The Bearcats ended the season with a 61-49 loss to Missouri Southern Saturday.

ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Baseball grabs 1st win on road

CRAIG SIMS
Missourian Reporter

Their record may not show it thus far, but the 1-7 Bearcats have some positive things to build on after their performance this weekend.

Their trip to Tahlequah, Okla., showcased four games in three days for Northwest against non-conference opponents Northeastern State (Okla.) and Arkansas Tech.

In game No. 1 Friday against the Northeastern State Riverhawks, senior pitcher Chris Green got the start, allowing three hits in four innings and recording four strikeouts.

The Bearcats jumped out to an early 9-0 lead before the fourth inning, following multiple hits from junior second baseman Cameron Bedard, junior outfielder Jon Pomatto, sophomore outfielder Ryan Abernathy, and sophomore first baseman Charlie Krueger.

The strong offensive performance helped carry Northwest to its first win of the season over the Riverhawks 12-6 with Green getting the win.

“Being able to jump out to the early lead kept pressure on them for most of the game,” head coach Darin Loe said. “We have done a good job of starting ball games well, and no question it was good to get that first win out of the way and get the monkey off our backs.”

Saturday, Northwest played a double header with the first game being against the Wonder Boys of Arkansas Tech.

Arkansas Tech put together a rally early, taking a 5-0 lead into the fifth inning.

The ‘Cats collected 14 hits on the day but were not able to transform the hits into enough runs, as they lost the game to the Wonder Boys 8-5.

“Our team offensively is so much further ahead than our teams in the past,” Loe said. “Generally speaking, the offense usually heats up slower than pitching or defense, but this team has been able to step in and swing the bats very well.”

Junior Jace Anderson was tagged with the loss for the Bearcats.

The second game of the double-header against the Riverhawks saw junior Marcus Garrett get his first start on the mound for the ‘Cats.

Although Northwest jumped out to the early 4-0 lead in the first inning, it was the Riverhawks who held the advantage throughout the game with help from a six-run second inning.

The Riverhawks offense proved too much for Northwest, as they would get the victory over the Bearcats 13-9.

McGlauffin and junior infielder Jake Kretzer each crushed two-run homers.

On Sunday, Northwest concluded its weekend facing Arkansas Tech with junior pitcher Chase Anderson getting the start.

The Wonder Boys reached an early 6-0 lead in the third inning, and although Northwest cut the score to 11-7 in the sixth inning, defensive errors proved too costly as Arkansas Tech won the game 14-7.

Northwest tallied 17 hits in the game, a season-high, and Abernathy went 4-for-5 in the game and 10-for-16 overall on the weekend, extending his hitting streak to seven games.

Next up for the Bearcats is their first MIAA conference action of the season against Fort Hays State (1-2).

The ‘Cats start their four-game series at 3 p.m. Friday in Hays, Kan.

“The time is now to get going,” Loe said. “We have to get some confidence under our belt and get a hot start, and I believe it can start this weekend.”



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Junior pitcher Jenna Creger hurls a pitch towards a Nebraska-Kearney batter at Bearcat Field last season. Creger recorded 22 strikeouts over the weekend.

Softball makes quick turnaround in 2nd weekend series behind offense, pitching

JASON KRAFT
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest softball team has been defined by two very different weekends in the young spring season.

A 5-1 weekend at the University of Arkansas at Monticello Quad-State Classic in Bentonville, Ark., brought the ‘Cats record to .500.

It was quite a turnaround for a team that began the season with two doubleheaders where they failed to win a game.

“It was good to have the bats come alive,” head coach Ryan Anderson said. “This first weekend out everyone seemed to be waiting for someone else to get the big hit instead of stepping up and doing it themselves.”

Northwest managed to score just eight runs in those first four losses. In their next six games they scored a total of 41 runs.

Individually, two ‘Cats got the team going offensively.

Junior first baseman Kayli Schurman hit .467 for the tournament with four homeruns and nine RBIs.

Junior third baseman Kristen Uthe had a good weekend at the plate as well. She batted .389 with two homeruns and seven RBIs.

“It is really nice to get that first weekend behind us,” Anderson said. “At the beginning of the season, our pitchers were doing well, but we couldn’t put up any runs.”

On the mound, junior Jenna Creger has been having a solid season that continued this weekend. She made three appearances, recorded 22 strikeouts and gave up only three earned runs in 17.2 innings pitched.

Northwest will participate in the Teri-Mathis Zenner Memorial tournament next weekend. It will be the first opportunity for the ‘Cats to see some of their MIAA opponents.

“We will try to pick up little

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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

DALTON VITT Chief Reporter

"I heard rumors that he might be retiring, but I didn't believe it. So it kind of caught me off guard."

Tara Roach



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Steinmeyer hangs up his whistle after 13 seasons

A familiar face gave the Northwest athletic department a surprise Monday morning with a major announcement.

Bearcat head coach Gene Steinmeyer decided to walk away from the court after 28 years of coaching, 13 of them at Northwest.

Steinmeyer said he started contemplating retirement in June and started discussing it with Athletic Director Wren Baker in September.

"The day coach Bostwick passed away was the day I decided," Steinmeyer said. "There's stuff I wanted to do, and if I waited seven or eight years, would that be too late? I didn't want that stuff to happen."

Once his mind was made up, Steinmeyer said he would not turn back on it.

"I've got a lot of weaknesses, but when I make up my mind, I pretty much make it up. I don't change it," he said. "I decided to do this, and I was going to work as hard as I could this year, and the results didn't come out the way I wanted them to. I made up my mind, and that's what I was going to do."

Baker says he was not surprised by Steinmeyer's decision because they had talked about it before.

"We actually had had some ongoing dialogue dating back to even before school started that he was thinking about it," Baker said. "Then somewhere around Christmas he let me know that he thought that's what he wanted to do."

"He made a decision that he didn't want to release that until the season was over. He didn't want any fanfare or any attention taken off the girls and put on him. For that reason, probably a lot of people are surprised, but I am not."

Steinmeyer says there was no thought about retirement immediately after last season's Final Four run.

"Not after last season," Steinmeyer said. "Last season was so much fun,

Northwest women's basketball coach Gene Steinmeyer announced his retirement Monday morning after 13 seasons roaming the sideline.

and I had a ball doing it. I know a lot of people think that I waited a year or two too long, but that wasn't even a thought last year."

Although Steinmeyer has retired from coaching, he plans to continue working in Maryville doing something he loves.

"I've had a side business for 10 years where I find and commit teams to a tournament in Hawaii," Steinmeyer said. "I've met a lot of great people and coaches and had a ball doing it. I've always, in the back of my mind, wondered if I could do that full time."

"Tera Nelson from Maryville Travel has offered to allow me in with a desk there, so I'm going to work for Tera and run my sports business out of that office."

Senior forward Tara Roach said Steinmeyer kept things quiet, and that she had no idea he was considering retirement after the season.

"I really didn't see it coming because he had talked about next year and plans

to go to Florida (with the team) and stuff like that," she said. "I had heard rumors that he might be retiring, but I didn't believe it. So it kind of caught me off guard."

Roach spent the last four years under Steinmeyer's watch, and said he has helped her grow as a person and player.

"Stein is such a great guy. He really helped you develop as an all-around person," Roach said. "He really cared about each and every single one of his players. He was like a second dad to us; we could call him for anything or go to him for anything."

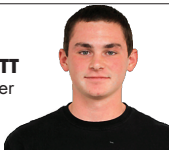
Steinmeyer said one of his greatest memories from Northwest will be his 2003-'04 team because it got the program off the ground.

"We had eight seniors, and they were great," Steinmeyer said. "They had a picture taken at the banquet, and they called themselves 'the foundation.' They won the conference championship that

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Rivalry at its best in final Big 12 battle

DALTON VITT Chief Reporter



First off, I would like to say that I have the utmost respect for this year's Missouri Tigers team.

Mizzou is a strong team with one of the most talented guards in the country in Marcus Denmon, and he will take them deep into the tournament.

Frank Haith did an outstanding job with that group and deserves to be mentioned in Coach of the Year conversations.

But that's not what this column is about.

In a "rebuilding year," a year where head coach Bill Self was surprised his team was picked to win the conference during the preseason, the Kansas Jayhawks still came out on top to take at least a share in eight straight titles after their win against Oklahoma State Monday.

After last season's heartbreaking loss to Virginia Commonwealth in the tournament, Kansas lost the Morris twins and Josh Selby to the draw of the NBA.

Super role players Tyrel Reed and Brady Morningstar ran out of eligibility.

Simply put, the Jayhawks weren't supposed to be a very good team, let alone a national title contender, in 2011.

The 2011-2012 season was a three-team race between Kansas, Missouri and Baylor for the longest time, until Baylor fell out of the race after losing to Kansas for the second time.

In the end, it couldn't get any better. In the best season for it to happen, the Big 12 title race came down to the Border Showdown.

And it went through Lawrence.

Neither side's fan bases can complain about the Kansas-Missouri games.

Both teams had their shots to win on the road, and both teams blew them.

Tyshawn "Turnover" Taylor withered down the stretch in Columbia, and Jeff Withey didn't even show up.

In Lawrence, the Tigers blew a 19-point lead to hand Kansas the conference championship.

Kansas fans can complain about the charging call on Taylor in the Columbia game.

Missouri fans can complain about the ghost call in Lawrence giving Robinson an and-one.

But none of that matters. Both teams caught breaks; both teams screwed themselves.

Winning the title is obviously always a great accomplishment any year.

What made this year special for Kansas fans was not allowing Missouri to have eternal bragging rights for stealing a championship in its last year in the Big 12.

Many things went right for the Jayhawks this year that weren't supposed to.

Thomas Robinson wasn't supposed to be the best player in the country.

Taylor wasn't supposed to have the ability to take over games.

Withey wasn't supposed to improve to become one of the top shot-blockers in the nation.

After this season, Robinson will most likely enter the NBA draft, and Taylor is out of eligibility.

Elijah Johnson will become the top perimeter threat next season. Naadir Tharpe will play expanded minutes at the point. Withey will have to learn to play the post without a dominant wingman in Robinson.

Kansas shouldn't have been good this year and isn't supposed to be next year either.

Or are they?

McCollum, men set to make 1st MIAA Tournament appearance

JASON LAWRENCE

Sports Editor

It has been three years in the making, but the men's basketball team has finally made it back to postseason play, earning the No. 3 seed in this weekend's MIAA Tournament.

"I'm just excited to be in the tournament," head coach Ben McCollum said. "We haven't been there in so long, so it'll be good."

The men drew a familiar opponent in the first round, seeing Southwest Baptist for the second time in as many weeks.

"We've played SBU twice already. I think we know kind of how they play," senior forward Jake Reinders said. "They took it to us last game, so we'll be out for revenge."

The purple Bearcats handed Northwest a 14-point loss Feb. 21 in Bolivar. Four players scored in double figures for Southwest Baptist.

Northwest defeated the purple Bearcats by 13 points Jan. 14. McCollum expects the two teams' third meeting to fall somewhere in between.

"It's gonna be a tough game. I think it'll be a combination of both games, it's gonna be tight," McCollum said. "It's gonna be back-and-forth and hopefully we'll come out on top."

This is the first time any of the players have been to Kansas City for the MIAA Tournament, and they are not really sure what to expect from the foreign atmosphere.

"I don't know what to expect," Reinders

said. "It's gonna be a great experience. It's gonna be fun just to go down there and soak it up. But we have business to do. It's a basketball game. We need to go down there and try to bring it home."

McCollum hopes his guys will respond well, and said it is all about how they respond in the first game.

"Hopefully we just stick to our basic fundamentals and don't get in awe of the environment," McCollum said. "That first game's always the toughest. In any tournament, that first game is so difficult to win. It'll be tough. We just gotta focus on us, and everything else will take care of itself."

Northwest is 25-21 all-time in the tournament with four championships, the last coming during the team's last appearance in 2007-'08.

The Bearcats are also 1-2 against Southwest Baptist and 12-7 in the first round of the tournament overall and 8-7 as the No. 3 seed.

First round tip-off is set for noon tomorrow with the Bearcats playing the last game of the day at 8:15 p.m. at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo.

Should Northwest advance, they would take on the winner of No. 2 Central Missouri and No. 7 Pittsburg State at 8:15 p.m. Saturday. The championship game is set for 4 p.m. Sunday at Municipal.

"We're just gonna have to take it game-by-game, but we have to beat SBU first, and we'll take it one game from there," Reinders said.



AMANDA MONROE | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior guard DeAngelo Hailey slams home a breakaway dunk in the second half of Northwest's 67-64 win over Missouri Southern to claim a share of the MIAA regular season title.

Track makes changes

DALTON VITT
Chief Reporter

The Spoofhounds track team looks to have a successful season after making some changes to the way the team works.

In the past, Maryville track was made up of a girls' team and a boys' team, but this season it has all been combined into one squad.

"Nothing will really be different in how we prepare because we've always kind of platooned our coaches," head coach Chris Holt said. "(The changes) will only pretty much be in title. The way we run practices and the way we organize our kids, that's not going to change."

Even with the slight changes, Holt has a lot of confidence in this year's team.

"Expectations are still sky-high for both (boys and girls)," Holt said. "Both were conference champions multiple times since we've been here in the last six years... And then we both won districts last year, so obviously, we'd like to defend our district and conference titles."

The boys' side has a lot of experience after losing no one from last season's squad.

"The good thing about the boys is that we didn't have any seniors



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Holly Wilmarth leaps over a hurdle, trying to catch up to a Penney High School opponent during the Northwest Invite last season.

on last year's team," Holt said. "We're returning our whole team... On the boys' side, we're looking to qualify more events, and then we'll see how it goes down at state."

Holt talked about the depth of the boys' roster and their ability to score in several events.

"I can't say that we have one individual that we go out and count on scoring 30 or 40 points," Holt said. "It's more of a group effort. We're going to try to beat people with numbers and quality of depth."

Holt said the season could be slightly tougher on the girls' side.

"It's going to be a little harder on the girls' side with the graduation," Holt said. "We're looking to get a couple girls back that can really, really help us, so we'll just see how it goes."

The Spoofhounds are expecting to get major points from senior

Holly Wilmarth.

"She's definitely going to have to be that leading point scorer for the girls," Holt said. "There's going to be a lot of pressure on Holly to take charge for the girls and get those points, but I think she's ready to step up to that."

Wilmarth competes in the 100 and 300-meter hurdles, triple jump and fills in on relays.

The first meet for the Spoofhounds is March 22 at the Cameron Time Trials.

No score is kept in the meet, and Holt described it as being a great opportunity for the kids to get experience.

"(Our goal) is to just get all the kids out and get them in some competition," Holt said. "You usually have someone that has an early time, throw or jump that will surprise you. We're looking forward to that."

Women's golf hopes to build on fall successes

TAYLOR FLORA
Missourian Reporter

The young women's golf team looks to keep the success going this upcoming season after a breakout fall season. The team consists of one junior, two sophomores and six freshmen.

Despite their youth, the Bearcats have set many team records, including a lowest 18-hole score of 320 at William Jewell and a lowest 36-hole score of 653 at Nebraska Wesleyan, in the fall.

Over the fall season, the team finished first three times, second one time and third two times. The 'Cats not only excelled as a team, but individually as well.

Sophomore Cassie Lowell had two first place finishes at the Grace-land Fall Invitational and then again at the home tournament, the Bearcat Fall Golf Classic.

Freshman Steph Charteris also had a first place finish in a playoff at the Smoky Hill Country Club in Hays, Kan.

"Even though it's a team sport, the girls still take a lot of pride in the position they're playing; it's very competitive," head coach Pat McLaughlin said.

As a whole, the team improved throughout the season, seeing six players set personal records for their lowest scores. The team's top five players finished in the top 10 a total of 17 times, and the top two players finished in the top five 10 times.

"I tell you what, there's no trick to this stuff; it's a lot of hard work with the girls' summer commitment program that they really bought into; and it was all voluntary," McLaughlin said. "You can tell by our scores from the fall that the girls did a really good job getting ready for college golf, even with such a young team."

The Bearcats have capitalized on the year's milder weather with their

"The girls have been able to do more this spring than ever before..."

Pat McLaughlin

practice. The team has been able to get outside to work on skills and play some holes.

Also, the team received an indoor golf simulator and indoor hitting and putting areas. This is a luxury that the team has not had in the past that has helped the team better prepare for this season.

"The girls have been able to do more this spring than ever before with this equipment and getting ready for the season. Quite honestly, we're pretty excited," McLaughlin said.

During the offseason, McLaughlin has been working with his young women to improve their course management and reduce penalties.

"The girls have really bought into what we're trying to do with the program, and each year improving the program and knowing the only way to really get better is just a lot of work," McLaughlin said. "They come in with skills already, but everyone in golf, like most sports, can work on certain aspects of their game for their improvement. And that's what we try to do each day in practice."

"They're not cutting corners; they're committed because they know it's going to help in the long run."

The team will see their first action of the season when they travel to Smithville to compete in the William Jewell/Rockhurst Spring Invitational on March 5 and 6 at Paradise Pointe Golf Complex.



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Junior forward Alyssa Stiens looks for an open teammate in a game against Auburn, Neb. Stiens is one of seven returning starters for the Spoofhounds.

Girls’ soccer looks to build on last season’s successes

JASON LAWRENCE
Sports Editor

The Spoofhounds have a strong foundation to build on this season after a 15-3 campaign last year. “We want to use last season as a baseline and continue to challenge ourselves to raise the bar,” head coach Bayo Oludaja said. “As we assess our strengths from last season, we will push those strengths to a higher level while working also to improve on the weaknesses from last season.” Maryville lost only to Smithville (4-0), Fort Osage (1-0) and LeBlond (2-1) in districts to end their season, and Oludaja said those are some of the teams to look out for again this season. “Judging from our most painful losses last season, the biggest games on our current schedule would be the ones against Smithville and Bishop LeBlond,” Oludaja said. “But we will give our attention to every game. In that sense, every game that comes before us becomes our greatest challenge, until we get past it successfully.” The ‘Hounds do, however, return 22 players from last season, including seven who started regu-

larly at the varsity level. Gone are four seniors along with their leadership and experience. Oludaja said he will look to his older returners to fill that void this season. “We have a good group of seniors and juniors that are very capable of leading the team,” Oludaja said. “They will be leaders on or off the field.” Like with any new season, he said there are still things to be worked on prior to the first game. “We need to work on skills, stamina, and speed,” Oludaja said. “Since we have new players coming in, we will also need to work smooth transition and flexibility.” The Spoofhounds open the season March 20 against Cameron, a team they beat 8-0 to open last season. Maryville takes on Smithville April 24 and LeBlond two games later, May 1. Those two games are just a few of the obstacles Oludaja said the girls must overcome if they want to reach their goals. “We have high expectations, including winning district and quarterfinals with our eyes ultimately on State,” Oludaja said.

Golf retooling with younger team

CRAIG SIMS
Missourian Reporter

Golf is gearing up for the Maryville boys as they look to build on their success during the 2011 season. Last year, the ‘Hounds went undefeated in all of their tournaments and finished second in the state, falling short to state champion Whitfield. The Spoofhounds lost five seniors from last season, four of them being varsity players Spencer Barr, Trevor Shell, Tanner Reames and state medalist Matt Downing. “When you lose four senior varsity players to graduation, it makes the next year interesting,” head coach Brenda Ricks said. “It just depends on how these younger guys can step up to the plate.” With a new nucleus of play-

ers, juniors Trey Maughan and Kyle Leslie are two players returning that have previous varsity experience. Ricks said that sophomore Dustin Wolters will look to get varsity experience also. “As of now, the other two varsity spots are up for grabs,” she said. Ricks mentioned course management as the main focus heading into a season with a team made up of 20 younger golfers. “Things like learning that a driver is not always the best thing to pull out when you’re getting ready to go off the tee box or even where to stand on a tee box, are some examples of what we will focus on early,” she said. “Course management is about realizing when to take a chance and when not to.” The Spoofhounds’ first action of the season starts at 4 p.m. March

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Brenda Ricks

29 at Mozingo Lake Golf Course against Lafayette. “It’s real easy sometimes to lose focus if you have a bad shot, and these younger players will have to learn to put that one bad shot behind them,” Ricks said. “I think in learning some of these fundamental concepts and working on not only the physical but mental aspects of the game, we can have some of the same success that we had last season.”



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN
Sophomore Phillip Hultquist returns the ball to a Graceland University opponent during a match last season at the Frank Grube Court. The tennis team returns just one member from last season’s MIAA champions.

‘Cats tennis expectations high despite leaders’ graduation

JASON KRAFT
Missourian Reporter

There is great disparity between the Northwest men’s and women’s tennis teams coming into this season. Head coach Mark Rosewell has coached both teams for the past 28 years. He has experienced great success throughout the years, especially recently. The men look to capture their seventh MIAA championship in a row and 12th in 13 seasons. However, that team returns just one member from last season’s MIAA championship squad. That group included two-time MIAA

Most Valuable Player Malcolm Harrison. “Malcolm was pretty much all-world, so replacing him is going to be difficult, but we have a good group coming up,” Rosewell said. Senior Calvin Patterson is the lone returner from last year. He was the No. 2 player on the team behind Harrison. Rosewell expects him to be ranked top 50 in the nation before the end of the season. Patterson is also the only senior on the team this year. However, Rosewell has been very impressed with how the rest of the team has developed so far. Meanwhile, the women will re-

turn three of the six members from last year’s team that lost to Southern Baptist in the MIAA Championship last year. “We have a really good nucleus coming back and are excited to see what the girls can do,” Rosewell said. Senior Erika Leston and sophomore Alexis Bartek lead the way for the women. Leston played as the team’s No. 1 last year, and Bartek was the No. 2. Both teams will get back to the court within the next week. “Our expectations are always to win the conference and advance to the national playoffs,” Rosewell said.

MARYVILLE BOYS TENNIS

Date	Time	Level	Opponent	Site
3/22/2012	4:30 p.m.	JV/Varsity	Savannah	Maryville
3/29/2012	4:30 p.m.	JV/Varsity	Lafayette	Maryville
3/30/2012	8:00 a.m.	Varsity	Cameron Tournament	Cameron
4/3/2012	4:00 p.m.	JV/Varsity	LeBlond	Maryville
4/4/2012	4:30 p.m.	JV/Varsity	Benton	Maryville
4/9/2012	4:00 p.m.	JV/Varsity	Cameron High School	Cameron
4/10/2012	4:30 p.m.	JV/Varsity	Shenandoah	Maryville
4/17/2012	4:00 p.m.	JV/Varsity	Lafayette	St. Joseph
4/19/2012	4:30 p.m.	JV/Varsity	Benton	St. Joseph
4/23/2012	4:00 p.m.	JV/Varsity	Savannah	Savannah
4/25/2012	8:30 a.m.	JV/Varsity	Benton Tournament	St. Joseph
4/30/2012	4:00 p.m.	JV/Varsity	LeBlond	St. Joseph
5/1/2012	4:30 p.m.	JV/Varsity	Clarinda	Maryville
5/3/2012	4:00 p.m.	JV/Varsity	Chillicothe	Chillicothe
5/4/2012	8:30 a.m.	Varsity	MEC	St. Joseph
5/7/2012	8:30 a.m.	Varsity	Districts	St. Joseph
5/14/2012		Varsity	Individual Regionals	TBA
5/19/2012		Varsity	Team Sectionals	TBA
5/24/2012		Varsity	Team Championships	Springfield
5/25/2012		Varsity	Individual Championships	Springfield

NORTHWEST OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Date	Meet	Location
March 15	Emporia State Spring Twilight	Emporia, Kan.
March 23-24	MU Relays	Columbia, Mo.
March 31	Northwest Herschel Neil Decathlon / Ashley Nally Heptathlon	Maryville, Mo.
April 7	The Student Body Northwest Open	Maryville, Mo.
April 12-13	Emporia State Combined Events	Emporia, Kan.
April 12-13	Jim Duncan Invitational	Des Moines, Iowa
April 19-21	KU Relays	Lawrence, Kan.
April 20	Central Missouri Mule Relays	Warrensburg, Mo.
April 27-28	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa
April 28	Grandview Invitational	Des Moines, Iowa
May 4-6	MIAA Outdoor Championships (hosted by ESU)	Emporia, Kan.
May 12-	ESU Qualifier	Emporia, Kan.
May 13-15	Dr. Keeler Invitational/Chicago Penultimate	Chicago, Ill.
May 24-26	NCAA Outdoor National Championships	Pueblo, Col.

NORTHWEST TRACK & FIELD



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Martell Love competes in the long jump last season at the Student Body Northwest Open at Herschel Neil Track.